Pay of the lady specialist in physical instruction.

*1844 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state why is the present high rate of pay paid to the lady specialist in physical instruction?

A.—The pay of the post has been fixed with reference to the qualifications required of the holder thereof and the responsibilities attached thereto.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI:—"May I know what the special qualifications of this special officer are?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"She is qualified for giving physical instruction."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI:—"May I know her pay?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Notice, Sir."

Number of books in the Tanjore Palace library.

*1845 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of printed books in the Tanjore Palace library under different languages;

(b) the number of manuscript books under the same headings;

(c) the average number lent out;

(d) the average daily number of readers; and

(e) under whose control the library is?

A.—(a) & (b) There is no information as to the number of *printed* books in the library. According to a special report furnished by the Superintendent of Sanskrit Schools who visited the library in 1925 and 1926 in connexion with a scheme for the cataloguing of the manuscripts in the library, there were in the library about 23,000 manuscripts in Sanskrit, 5,000 in Marathi and 4,000 in Telugu, besides a few miscellaneous manuscripts. The annual reports on the library show that about 855 manuscripts and books have been added since.

(c) & (d) The information is not available. The reports show that the manuscripts and works consulted during the three years ending 31st March 1928 numbered 3,208, 3,934 and 3,300 respectively.

(e) The library is vested in the Treasurer of Charitable Endowments and is managed by a committee.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI:—"May I know what is the grant that is given every year to this library?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Notice, Sir."